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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/879,168	Applicant(s) Pere Obrador
Examiner Y. Lee	Art Unit 2613



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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of:
 - 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 - 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
 - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2 and 3
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

3. Claims 1, 11, and 14 recite the limitation "the highest resolution coefficients" in line 8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

4. Claims 1, 11, and 14 recite the limitation "the lowest resolution coefficients" in lines 12, 12-13, and 12, respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

5. Claim 9 recites the limitation "the one or more lowest resolution subbands" in lines 2-3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

6. Claim 10 recites the limitation "the one or more lower resolution subbands" in lines 2-3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Talluri et al (6,026,183).

Talluri et al, in Figures 3, 5, 10, and 11, discloses a content-based video compression that is the same apparatus and method for applying multi-resolution boundary encoding to region based still image and video encoding as specified in claims 1-20 of the present invention, comprising dividing an original image into a plurality of regions, wherein a plurality of boundaries associated with the plurality of the regions is detected (Fig. 5); encoding each of the plurality of the boundaries by two periodic wavelet series, whereby each of the plurality of the boundaries contains different resolution coefficients in each of the two periodic wavelet series (Fig. 10); decomposing each of the plurality of the regions in the original image into four subbands using low/high pass horizontal and low/high pass vertical frequency filters; successively decomposing each of the plurality of the regions in a subband with lower resolution coefficients into one or more subbands using the plurality of boundaries with lower resolution coefficients (Fig. 11); transmitting boundary and image information with the lowest resolution

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coefficients; successively transmitting boundary and image information with higher resolution coefficients (Fig. 15a); reconstructing image information at a higher resolution in a receiver by combining the image information in one or more lowest resolution subbands; and successively reconstructing image information at a higher resolution in the receiver by combining the image information in one or more lower resolution subbands, until the original image is reconstructed (Fig. 15b).

Conclusion

9. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Y. Lee whose telephone number is (703) 308-7584.



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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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January 31, 2003